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INFO RUH0HQA/CINCPAC
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RUEASTA/-T-AEMB VIENTIANE
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As per instructions on document

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Date

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5/94

C O N F I D E N T I A L SPECAT EXCLUSIVE FOR ADM MOORER, INFO
ADM GAYLER, AMB BUNKER, AMB GODLEY FROM GEN WEYAND
REF: CJCS 230459Z MAR 73 (S/SPECAT)

1. (U) SUBSTANCE OF REFERENCED MESSAGE CAREFULLY CONVEYED IN
PRIVATE MEETING WITH DRV AT 221330H MARCH. DRV ACKNOWLEDGED
UNDERSTANDING. MEETING WAS CORDIAL.
2. (C) DRV THEN REVIEWED DRV GOVERNMENT POSITION CALLING FOR
COMPLETION OF TROOP WITHDRAWALS AND RELEASE OF US PW CAPTURED
IN NORTH AND SOUTH VIETNAM WITHIN 60 DAYS IN ACCORDANCE WITH
THE AGREEMENT. HE EMPHASIZED THAT THE MATTER OF RELEASE OF US
PW HELD BY PATHET LAO WAS NOT LINKED IN ANY WAY WITH THE AGREE-
MENT. IN ACCORDANCE WITH PARIS UNDERSTANDING THE DRV WOULD
UNDERTAKE TO USE ITS INFLUENCE WITH THE PATHET LAO IN ORDER

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TO OBTAIN RELEASE OF US PW; BUT IF THIS COULD NOT BE ACCOMPLISHED
BY 28 MARCH, THE US STILL WOULD BE REQUIRED BY THE AGREEMENT TO
COMPLETE TROOP WITHDRAWALS BY 28 MARCH. US NOTED DRV VIEW BUT
REMINDED HIM OF COMMENTS REFERENCED IN PARA 1 ABOVE.

3. (C) AS FINAL POINT DRV RAISED MATTER OF RETURN OF CIVILIAN
DETAINEES BY THE TWO PARTIES. HE NOTED PARIS UNDERSTANDING THAT
US WOULD USE ITS INFLUENCE WITH RVN TO OBTAIN SATISFACTORY RESULTS
IN THIS MATTER. HE EMPHASIZED THAT DRV PLACED IMPORTANCE ON SOME
MOVEMENT BEFORE X 60 ON RETURN OF THE CIVILIAN DETAINEES.

THE US NOTED THAT
CIVILIAN DETAINEE ISSUE WAS TWO PARTY MATTER, INVOLVING A 90
DAY PERIOD RATHER THAN 60, AND THAT THE MATTER COULD NOT BE
LINKED IN ANY WAY WITH ISSUE OF RELEASE OF US PRISONERS. US ACK-
NOWLEDGED IT HAD BEEN WORKING WITH RVN ON MATTER OF CIVILIAN
DETAINEE RELEASE. THIS WAS AN EMOTIONAL ISSUE FOR THE
RVN DOE, IN LARGE MEASURE, TO THE DISPARITY OF PW AND CIVILIAN
DETAINEE LISTS.

4. (C) AT END OF DISCUSSION US ASKED IF DRV WOULD IMMEDIATELY
CONVEY COMMENTS REFERENCED IN PARA 1 TO DRV GOVERNMENT AND IF
US COULD EXPECT A REPLY EITHER FROM THE DRV MILITARY DELEGATION

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OR ANOTHER CHANNEL, SUCH AS US OFFICIALS IN VIENTIANE. DRV
REPLIED AFFIRMATIVELY. GDS 1979

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